

Zonotrichia to a "very well circumscribed group of purely Nearctic species," and to exclude various Neotropical forms which have been referred to it.—J. A. A.

Ridgway on the Pied Wagtails of Eastern Asia.*—Mr. Ridgway believes that Dr. Stejneger's series of five skins collected at Bering Island and in Kamtchatka prove conclusively that it is either only the adult male in summer of *Motacilla amurensis* which has the "back black, while the fully adult female is indistinguishable from *M. ocularis*, or else that these two birds are identical;" *M. amurensis* being the adult male and *M. ocularis* the adult female, or perhaps the winter plumage of both sexes. Mr. Ridgway further suggests that Mr. Seebohm's *M. blakistoni* may be merely the adult male of '*M. amurensis*.'—J. A. A.

Lawrence on New Species of American Birds.†—The species here described are 1. *Chrysotis canifrons*, from the Island of Aruba, West Indies; 2. *Formicivora griseigula*, from British Guiana; and 3. *Spermophila parva*, from Tehuantepec City, Mexico.—J. A. A.

Jouy on Birds collected in Japan.‡—Mr. Jouy, in a paper of nearly fifty pages, presents his observations made partly at Subashiri, twenty-five miles due west from Yokohama, on the eastern slope of Fuji-Yama, the highest mountain in Japan, and partly near Omachi, at the base of the Tate-Yama Mountains, about one hundred and thirty miles northwest from Yokohama. July and part of June were spent at Fuji-Yama; a short time was passed at Chiussenji Lake, about the beginning of September; while the latter part of this month, October, November, and part of December were devoted to the Tate-Yama. Very full and interesting field-notes are given on about one hundred species, with bibliographical references, and often descriptions of nests and eggs, and previously undescribed immature phases of plumage. Mr. Jouy has evidently made good use of his excellent opportunities, and the results of his work are well presented. As already noted (*antè*, p. 108), his collections were made for the National Museum.—J. A. A.

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* On the Probable Identity of *Motacilla ocularis* Swinhoe and *M. amurensis* Seebohm, with Remarks on an Allied supposed Species, *M. blakistoni* Seebohm. By Robert Ridgway. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1883, pp. 144-147. Oct. 5, 1883.

† Descriptions of New Species of Birds of the Genera *Chrysotis*, *Formicivora*, and *Spermophila*. By George N. Lawrence. Ann. New York Acad. Sci., Vol. II, No. 12. pp. 381-383, 1883.

‡ Ornithological Notes on Collections made in Japan from June to December, 1882. By Pierre Louis Jouy. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1883, pp. 273-318. Dec. 27, 1883.